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Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall  
Chairman, Committee on Interior  
and Insular Affairs  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Aspinall:

This is in reply to your letter of 8 June 1961, requesting a report on H. R. 7149, H. R. 7475, H. R. 7486 and H. R. 7489, proposals to enact the "Richard E. Byrd Antarctic Commission Act of 1961."

As we have indicated in reports on similar bills introduced in previous Congresses, the polar regions are of great interest to the intelligence community and considerable attention has been given to the problem of how the United States Government should conduct its activities in these areas, particularly Antarctica. However, since these proposals involve issues which are not directly within the purview of this Agency, I feel that specific comment on them by this Agency would not be appropriate.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,



C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Deputy Director

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

June 8, 1961

Hon. Allan Dulles, Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

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Attached hereto is a copy of:

H.R. 7149 by Mr. Zablocki  
H.R. 7475 by Mr. Aspinall  
H.R. 7486 by Mr. O'Brien of N.Y.  
H.R. 7489 by Mr. Saylor

Will you kindly furnish the Committee a report  
on this legislation as soon as it is possible to do so.

Sincerely yours,

WAYNE N. ASPINALL  
Chairman